

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

A first conventional shelf in accordance with the prior art shown in Fig. 7 comprises four support legs 40 each formed with a plurality of grooves 41, four foldable mounting rings 42 each mounted on a respective one of the support legs 40, and a [[netted]] rack 44 mounted between the support legs 40 and provided with four mounting sleeves 46 each mounted on a respective one of the mounting rings 42. However, the first conventional shelf has a fixed structure and cannot be expanded, thereby limiting the versatility of the first conventional shelf.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 2, line 10, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a shelf, wherein the flanges of each of the support stands are combined with the [[netted]] racks in various different angles, so that the angle and mode of assembly of the shelf can be changed arbitrarily so as to fit the requirement of different sites, such as the house, the exhibition place or the like, thereby enhancing the versatility of the shelf.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

A further objective of the present invention is to provide a shelf, wherein the insertion strip of each of the fixing plates is inserted into either one of the grooves of the respective flange of each of the support stands, so that the height of the [[netted]] rack can be changed arbitrarily so as to fit the user's requirement.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

Referring to the drawings and initially to Figs. 1 and 2, a shelf in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises a [[netted]] rack 30 provided with a plurality of arcuate mounting plates 31, a plurality of arcuate fixing plates 20 each mounted on a respective one of the mounting plates 31 of the [[netted]] rack 30, and a plurality of support stands 10 each mounted on a respective one of the fixing plates 20 for supporting the [[netted]] rack 30.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

Each of the mounting plates 31 of the [[netted]] rack 30 has a tapered shape.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

Each of the fixing plates 20 has a tapered shape and has a first side mounted on a respective one of the mounting plates 31 of the [[netted]] rack 30 and a second side mounted on either one of the flanges 11 of the respective support stands 10. The second side of each of the fixing plates 20 is formed with a plurality of insertion strips 21 (see Fig. 1A) each inserted into a respective one of the grooves 12 of the respective flange 11. Each of the fixing plates 20 has two ends each formed with a hook 22 urged on the neck 111 of the respective flange 11.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

In assembly, each of the fixing plates 20 is mounted on either one of the flanges 11 of the respective support stands 10, with each of the insertion strips 21 being inserted into a respective one of the grooves 12 of the respective flange 11. Then, each of the mounting plates 31 of the [[netted]] rack 30 is mounted on the respective fixing plate 20 in a close tapered fit manner, thereby forming the shelf as shown in Fig. 2.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 2, a [[netted]] rack 30 is combined with four support stands 10 to form the shelf.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 3, two [[netted]] racks 30 are combined with six support stands 10 to form the shelf which is expanded horizontally.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 4, two [[netted]] racks 30 are combined with seven support stands 10 to form the shelf which is expanded diagonally.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 5, two [[netted]] racks 30 are combined with seven support stands 10 to form the shelf which is expanded triangularly.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 6, three [[netted]] racks 30 are combined with nine support stands 10 to form the shelf which is expanded to form a loop.

Please amend the entire paragraph beginning at page 6, line 11, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement paragraph:

Accordingly, the flanges 11 of each of the support stands 10 are combined with the [[netted]] racks 30 in various different angles as shown in Figs. 2-6, so that the angle and mode of assembly of the shelf can be changed arbitrarily so as to fit the requirement of different sites, such as the house, the exhibition place or the like, thereby enhancing the versatility of the shelf. In addition, the insertion strip 21 of each of the fixing plates 20 is inserted into either one of the grooves 12 of the respective flange 11 of each of the support stands 10, so that the height of the [[netted]] rack 30 can be changed arbitrarily so as to fit the user's requirement.

Please amend the entire abstract beginning at page 10, line 2, as shown in the following Marked-Up Version of the replacement abstract:

A shelf includes a plurality of support stands each having a periphery formed with a plurality of elongated flanges. Each of the flanges has two opposite sides each formed with a reduced neck. Thus, the flanges of each of the support stands are combined with the [[netted]] racks in various different angles, so that the angle and mode of assembly of the shelf can be changed arbitrarily so as to fit the requirement of different sites, such as the house, the exhibition place or the like, thereby enhancing the versatility of the shelf.